RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) 968.

(*b*) 378.

Diesel buses.

125. ***MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): With regard to the Transport Scheme, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Diesel buses ordered by them for use on the Trivandrum-Cape road;

(*b*) the make of the buses; and

(*c*) the cost price of each unit?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI:

(*a*) Sixty.

(*b*) Commer with Perkins Diesel Engines.

(*c*) Chassis	...	Rs. 4,875
Body (to be built locally)	...	Rs. 1,600
Total		Rs. 6,475

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether the construction of bodies are to be made by contractors or by the Department?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVA NIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: It is to be done partly by the P. W. Department and partly by contractors.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know the number to be done by the department?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The Government want 59 bodies, of which 25 will be made by the P. W. D. and the other 34 by contractors.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know the ground on which this arrangement is made?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The Government want these bodies to be built within a limited period say three or four months.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: On what basis is this Rs. 1,600 arrived at for the body to be built locally? Is it the tender of the contractor or the estimate of the Workshop?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: It is the contractor's tender and the Workshop estimate is also the same.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Then, may I know the amount for which tenders were made by the contractors and the estimate from the Workshops?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The tender of the contractor is Rs. 1,600 per body, and the estimate by the Workshop is also the same.

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